



This week at St Mary's 6 October 2019

WOVEN STUDENT WORSHIP NIGHT

On Wednesday last week, *Woven students* hosted an evening of worship and prayer in St Mary's. We had an attendance of approximately 65, with around 40 of those attending being students.

Having spent time in the previous week praying for and about the event, we concluded that the theme for the night would be 'He is the same'. This seemed fitting for students, as for new students there is often a sense that everything has changed, and with stress levels on the increase for returning students, the clear reminder that our God is constant and unchanging seemed highly relevant. To fit this, we created boards with truths about God to decorate the space with. We also chose worship songs with a particularly strong emphasis on the nature of our God.

In order to create a welcoming and safe space for people to worship freely, we placed the worship band in the centre of the room, with students invited to gather round and face inwards. In addition, we put up warm fairy lights and festoons, and laid out rugs to create an atmosphere. We found that this allowed those attending to relax and focus themselves on God, making it easier for them not to have concerns about drawing attention to themselves during worship.

The evening was a great space where God was given all the Glory. We left space during sung worship to allow people to sing their own songs of praise, and we passionately prayed for the city and for the students living here. It was such a poignant reminder to students that whilst they may be gearing up for the next year, their Heavenly Father has gone before them and is in the midst of everything they do.

AMELIA DELBRIDGE

**A very warm welcome, especially to
anyone new or visiting St Mary's**

LAST WEEK AT ST MARY'S...

TORS RAMSEY was with us last Sunday morning. She is the *Diocesan Church Growth and Planting Enabler* and is helping St Mary's as we plan and work to become one of the Bishop's Larger Resource Churches.

HELEN HALL was with us last Sunday evening. She is a senior lecturer at Nottingham Law School and has been a familiar face at St Mary's for many years.

ST MARY'S NEW WEBSITE has now gone live. Do have a look and hope you like it and find it easy to use (not least on your mobile.) There's more work to be done, filling in gaps, but let us know how you find it...stmarysnottingham.org

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT - more on this next week - but setting up and preparing for the Karlsruhe and Carlton choirs to sing has been quite a feature of life.

CHRISTMAS PLANS are taking shape. There will be a **Christmas Tree Festival**. Yvonne Harris and Lorna Richardson working with our friends at Spenbeck and Creative Quarter will make this happen. AND each column, illuminated, will have artwork from a different community group depicting different aspects of the Christmas story.

NOW AND COMING UP SOON...

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK 9-15 October. Along with other significant and iconic buildings in Nottm, for the 2nd year St Mary's tower will be illuminated in blue and pink as part of the Wave of Light - see www.foreverstars.org

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY INSIGHT MEETING Wed 16 October 12.00-1.30pm at The Jury's Inn Hotel, Station St, NG2 3BJ. The creative and digital sector is growing twice as fast as the rest of the UK economy and is transforming the way we live our lives. **Susan Hallam**, chair of **Nottingham's Creative Quarter** and founder and CEO of digital marketing agency **Hallam**, will give an **INSIGHT** into this dynamic sector. A buffet lunch is provided so please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS AT ST MARY'S - OPEN MEETING 13 October following 10.45 Service

TRENDING: THE GREAT TOPICS OF OUR TIMES 24 October At St Peter's 6-9PM. The first is "All You Need Is Love? Dispelling Myths about Love and Romance in Popular Culture". A fun engaging talk introducing cutting edge academic research as well as insights into the different routes that love can now take. See tinyurl.com/trendinglove or email marketing@rotherasharp.co.uk

THE NOTTINGHAM BAROQUE SOLOISTS PERFORM RICHAFORT'S REQUIEM Sunday 3 November (Free Entry!) Nottingham's premier vocal ensemble specialising in Baroque and Renaissance music to present a concert of music and readings for All Souls' Day. There will be a retiring collection in support of music at St Mary's.

PLANT AN ENGLISH OAK TREE Castle Rock Brewery and Robin Hood Energy are taking on a lot of oak trees and are looking to people to plant them - up to you where! For details contact keanshead@castlerockbrewery.co.uk

This Week's Services

Sunday 10.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 6.15pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion

Also, St Mary's is open between 10am and 3pm Mon-Sat

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**Please continue to pray for**

Estelle Barks  
John Bowers  
Debbie Butler  
Harry Palmer

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